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**AMENDMENT, AND
REQUEST TO RECONSIDER FINALITY OF OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

I. INTRODUCTION

This is in response to the Office Action mailed January 25, 2006 in regard to the above-identified patent application. Reconsideration of the rejection of the claims and finality of the action is respectfully solicited in light of the following amendment and remarks.

Please amend the Application as follows: